

D) surrounded in a central region by some insulation 3. At both ends the strand 2 is pressed together to form a flattened end or further section 4 or 5. At this flattened end there is welded a contact piece 6 or 7. The contact pieces 6 or 7 exhibit a region 8 or 9 of reduced thickness where the flattened part or further section 4 or 5 of the strand 2 is welded on by means of an ultrasound welding method. The reduced-thickness section 8 of the contact piece 6 is followed by a somewhat thicker region 10 or 11 having a central hole 12 or 13. The holes 12 or 13 are used to secure the contact piece to a battery terminal (not shown) via a screw inserted in the hole. Further section 4 or 5 can also have a hole for allowing a screw to fit there through.

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A marked up copy is also enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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~~20. (Amended) A battery terminal connecting cable comprising:~~

~~a) a strand comprising a plurality of fine wires, and having a further section formed when said plurality of fine wires are pressed together and, wherein said wires are welded together in said further section; and~~